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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) aims to achieve its goal by 2022 and if so, the details thereof and the roadmap prepared in this regard;

(b) the details of the progress made in achieving the goals so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilised under NBA during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation of the implementation of NBA, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the goals of NBA by the stipulated time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) Government of India administers through the States/UTs, the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the country, a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas, including construction of toilets, with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. The goal of NBA is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022.

(b) As per National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 2012, 40.60% rural households have toilets. State/UT-wise details is at Annexure-1.

(c) Since NBA is demand driven scheme, so no State-wise allocation made. However State/ UT-wise, fund released and utilised under NBA during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-2.

(d) An evaluation of the implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) has been carried out by the Programme Evaluation Division of the Planning Commission. Details are at Annexure 3.

(e) To ensure that the target of 100% sanitation is met, under NBA, the following steps are being taken to accelerate sanitation coverage in rural areas:-

Provision of incentives for the construction of IHHL has been extended to identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households (all SCs /STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homestead, physically handicapped and women-headed households).

Under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) Financial incentive for construction of toilets has been raised for all eligible beneficiaries to Rs. 4600/- from the earlier amount of Rs 3200/-. In addition upto Rs. 5400/- can be utilized under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for construction of the toilet. Along-with beneficiary contribution of Rs. 900/-, the total unit cost of toilet is now Rs. 10,900/- (Rs 11,400/- for hilly and difficult areas).

Emphasis has been placed on Information Education Communication (IEC) activities with earmarked 15% of the total outlay of district projects for IEC activities.

A conjoint approach has been developed with National Rural Drinking Water Programme NRDWP) to ensure water availability for sanitation in Gram Panchayats.

Focus has been placed on convergence of rural sanitation (NBA) with programmes of associated Ministries including Health, School Education, Women and Child Development.

The component of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) has been recast to a project mode approach in convergence with MGNREGS.

Increasing the Financial support for sanitation, the 12th Five Year Plan outlay has been fixed at Rs. 37159 crore, which is 468% higher than the 11th Five Year Plan Outlay of Rs. 6540 crore.